

Command Column:

ORGANIZATIONAL SURVEY



Thanks to the 300-plus individuals who took the TRACEN organizational survey. The PTC is organizing the data and comments for presentation to the Executive Steering Committee (ESC). All comments will be reviewed, with extra attention paid to actionable comments, that is, comments that give us enough specific information to take action. For example, a few individuals felt that they didn't get enough information about activities at other branches and divisions. This issue is easy to resolve since we already submit a monthly summary of significant events to (G-WT). We've placed the monthly reports at the following link at the TRACEN Intranet Portal. As you'll see, business is booming at the Training Center and our people continue to do remarkable things.

<http://cgweb.tcyorktown.uscg.mil/bsc/MonthlyReports/April03.htm>

A CHANGE OF SEASONS

Spring has sprung, and with it comes the crazy swings in temperature. In this column, we'd like to offer a few insights into air conditioning season, and inform you of the plan to keep you cool as the weather heats up.

We've begun bringing air conditioning units on line. We do this using a prioritized plan. With the size of the base and variety of air conditioning technologies we use, this process takes a couple of weeks to complete. While some buildings are similar to your home and offer heat or air conditioning at the flip of a switch, other buildings require a couple days to transition. (For the curious, several of our buildings run on what is termed a "two pipe" system. This means either hot or cold water is circulated through the building to provide heat or cooling. When changing from hot to cold water, we have to let the system cool for a day or two to avoid damaging equipment). Those two pipe system buildings pose a particular challenge because once we switch to air conditioning, we can't readily return to heating

mode, so the engineering division has to play weather guesser in deciding when to make the switch.

Rather than trying to list all the buildings in this forum, we'll refer you to our web page which lists the status of air conditioning units for all the major buildings. We've added this feature so you can readily check if we've gotten to your building, or if the building system is experiencing a problem. We're hoping that cuts down on redundant calls to the work order desk, and keeps everyone well informed.


As a matter of energy conservation policy, our target cooling temperature is 78 degrees. Certain electronics spaces such as server rooms are kept a bit cooler to ensure the equipment works. We also control when air conditioning is on line as another energy management measure. For example, the Chapel sanctuary is not cooled, except when an event is scheduled and classrooms are not cooled at night (we start the systems early in the morning to get them ready for the following day). There are a few things you can do to help keep your spaces comfortable:

1. Turn off computer monitors that are not in use. They generate a lot of heat.
2. Avoid opening windows when the air conditioning is on! You'd be surprised how often...
3. Close the blinds on the sunny side of the building to reduce solar gain.
4. Reduce overhead lighting when feasible. Many rooms allow you to turn on half of the lights at a time to reduce heat and take advantage of ambient light.
5. Keep ducts and fan coil units clear. (The fan coil units in Lincoln Hall make nice shelves...)

As with any service provided by the engineering division, if you experience problems, please let us know. We treat heating and cooling outages as a top priority, so feel free to call those problems in to the work order desk at 2215 (perhaps after checking our web site!) and we'll get the problem fixed. Thanks for your help as we strive to serve.

TIME CHANGE IS HERE!!!

Don't forget to "Spring Forward" this Saturday night. If you forget, you'll be late for work on Monday!

Chapel Corner	CONGRATULATIONS
<p>Worship Opportunities at the Olde Yorke Chapel</p> 	<p>QM1 Osburn: Advancement to QM1.</p> <p>QMC James Shelton on his nomination for the MCPO Angela McShan Inspirational Leadership Award. Chief Shelton was the only nominee from TRACEN Yorktown, although not selected as the winner, CPO Shelton has done an outstanding job as a key member of the Operations Center Standardization Team. Great JOB!!</p>
<p>0800 Sunday, Liturgical Protestant Service</p> <p>0945 & 1630 Sunday, Roman Catholic Mass</p> <p>1100 Sunday, Protestant Worship</p> <p>0630-0730 Tuesday, Promise Keepers</p> <p>1715 Monday, "Spirit of 1790" rehearsal</p> <p>1715 Wednesday, "Spirit of 1790" rehearsal</p> <p>1145 Mon-Thurs, Daily Roman Catholic</p> <p>On Friday, 25 April, approximately 30 to 35 members of the Military Ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ will be onboard TRACEN Yorktown for a familiarization visit. The focus of this organization is to help members of all branches of the armed forces become spiritually fit and ready to serve anywhere. They provide material support (bibles, spiritual reading matter, etc.) and seminars for military personnel and their families, at home and overseas. The people coming here are corporate leaders from around the country who are supporters of Military Ministry. We are looking for an officer to assist the chaplains in setting up a brief tour for these people. Anyone interested in helping on this project please contact Chaplain Boyle (x2317) or Chaplain McInnis (x2245).</p>	<p>COAST GUARD HISTORY</p> <p>5 APR 1950 - The Coast Guard announced that former enlisted women of the Coast Guard Reserve could apply for enlistment in the Women’s Volunteer Reserve SPARS. Enlistments would be for a three-year period with written agreement to serve on active duty in time of war or national emergency.</p> <p>6 APR 1949 - A US Coast Guard H035-1 helicopter completed the longest unescorted helicopter ferry flight on record. The trip from Elizabeth City, NC to Port Angeles, WA via San Diego, a distance of 3,750 miles, took 10 1/2 days to complete and involved a total flight time of 57.6 hours.</p>
	<p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p> <p><u>9 April</u>: Quarterly Personnel Inspection/All Hands. All personnel not in the departing/reporting group must be in formation by 0730. NOTE: Changed date.</p> <p><u>21 April</u>: Commandant visit.</p> <p><u>Long-range events</u></p> <p>2 May: MCPO-CG onboard for MCPO Livingstone’s retirement.</p> <p>27 June: Change of Command.</p>
<p>Thought for the Day</p> <p>Thought for the day: "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue the m."</p> <p>- <u>Walt Disney, (1901-1966)</u></p> <p><u>Cartoon Artist and Producer</u></p>	<p>VITA INFORMATION</p> <p>The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program's last day will be Tuesday, April 8 from 1630-1900, Hamilton Hall RM 104. Anyone who still needs assistance with their Federal taxes please come by.</p>